



TONE School Games Organiser Additional Information

Tone School Sports Partnership (TSSP) was established in 2004 to support Physical Education and Sport in all the Primary and Secondary schools in the Taunton Deane area. The Partnership was expanded to the West Somerset area in 2007. Dave Bullock was the Partnership Development Manager, based at Castle School, Taunton, which at the time was one of three Sports Colleges in the County. The role focused on managing the School Sport Coordinators in the area's secondary schools and the Primary School PE coordinators with the aim of increasing participation.

Over the years TSSP established an extensive and successful competition framework of festivals and Central Venue Competitions. These were based at local secondary school sites and used young sports leaders to deliver the events.

With the change in Government in May 2010 came the inevitable modifications to school sport funding and job roles. The School Games programme evolved, with most of the Partnership Development Managers being employed as part time (3 day a week) School Games Organisers. With the majority of schools becoming academies, the posts were moved from their Sports College bases. In 2011 Somerset County Council hosted the SGO contracts, but they were line managed by Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership – SASP.

As the SGO programme outcomes differed from the existing delivery provision in the Taunton area, the local primary schools were keen to maintain the excellent service that provided over 10,000 children to have enhanced sporting opportunities each year. They all agreed to "Buy In" to an additional service of festivals and competitions from their general budgets.

In March 2013 the Government started the Primary PE and Sport Premium, which was ring fenced funding to enhance PE and Sport opportunities to all pupils. All schools were awarded £8,000 + £5 per pupil. The Taunton area schools used a part of this funding to buy into the Tone Schools offer. In 2016 the Premium was doubled to £16,000 and £10 a head with the additional funding coming from the "sugar tax".

The Tone "**Buy In**" offer currently includes:

1) Central Festivals

- a) One festival a year for Reception and Year 1 (These will be multi-skill based focusing on developing agility, balance and coordination)
 - b) Two festivals a year for Yr 2 (Multi-skill & Multi sport), Yr 3 (Athletics and Invasion Sports), Yr 4 (Net / Wall and Orienteering) and Yr 5 (Leadership and Strike / Field)
 - c) One festival a year for Yr 6 (Games - Competition based)
- Access to partnership equipment, resources and support)

2) Central Venue Competitions

Entry into Yr 5/6 Partnership Central Venue tournaments (Football, Tag Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Basketball Rounders & Cricket)

Entry into School Games qualifying events: Sportshall Athletics, QuadKids, Futsal & Gymnastics

Entry into Yr 3/4 Partnership Central Venue Tournaments (Football (Autumn Term), Catchball (Modified Netball) (Spring Term), Rounders (Modified with tennis rackets) (Summer Term)

Entry into School Games qualifying events: Gymnastics, Quadkids Athletics

Entry into Yr 1/2 Partnership Central Venue Tournaments Football (Autumn term)
Athletics (Summer Term)

Entry into School Games qualifying events: Gymnastics

- 3) Access for pupils to attend Leadership Academies
- 4) 1 Free place at the Somerset PE conference
- 5) Access to resources and new initiatives

The Items in red are provided for free as part of the government's School Games Organiser role funding.

The Covid-19 pandemic has severely restricted the services available to schools, however they have all committed funding to protect the service they value. It is likely that future delivery will need to be adapted to make accommodations for social distancing requirements. It is expected that we will need to be adaptable in our delivery method for the foreseeable future.

The SGO post has become available due to the retirement of Dave Bullock who has been employed in the job for the last 16 years. Alison Slater, who has been the partnership administrator for 15 years, has also recently retired.

The successful applicant will be responsible for maintaining the service but will also have the opportunity to shape the service in the future to enable more children to be physically active.